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The Newsletter of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group (TBOUG) - January 1996

ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE FEATURED AT JANUARY 10TH MEETING

The next meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group will be held Wednesday evening, January 10th at IBM's LakePointe offices in Tampa.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (5:45 - 6:45)

Three committee meetings will be held in parallel prior to our main meeting:

END USER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We will conclude our demonstration of the new release of **Object Desktop** from Stardock Systems, Inc. and **Performance Plus 3.0** from Clear & Simple. (This time I promise to bring a PC with enough memory!). - John Markman, Committee Chairman

PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

We will provide a demonstration of the **NPS WPS 1.81** program as seen at the Paul Giangarra presentation December 6th. The NPS Workplace Shell customizing program was developed by Shinji 'N.P.S.' Takasugi of Team OS/2 Japan (E-Mail: nps1970@ibm.net). The freeware program allows you to use more than 20 different functions to enhance the OS/2 desktop, such as window animations, window shadows, "close" buttons, automatic mouse movement, etc. Copies of the program will be provided to anyone bringing a 3.5" diskette. - Paul Wylie, Committee Chairman

OS/2 SUPPORT COMMITTEE

We will begin a series of sessions entitled **"Pick Brian's Brain."** In preparation for the meeting, please submit subjects for discussion on the meeting registration form. - Brian Lowe, Committee Chairman

MAIN MEETING (7:30 - 9:00)

Featured will be a presentation on **anti-virus software by Mr. John Starnes of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).** SWFWMD manages the water and water-related resources for the people

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AGENDA

Committee Meetings (5:45 - 6:45)
(Parallel Sessions)

- Production Committee
- OS/2 Support Committee
- End User Education Committee

Dinner (6:45 - 7:30)

Main Meeting (7:30 - 9:00)

- Announcements
- IBM Updates
- Featured Speaker: John Starnes - SWFWMD

The registration fee for the meeting is $13 for members who pre-register; $15 for pre-registered guests. **Please make your reservations early (no later than January 5th).** The registration fee is $30 for members and guests. See the last page of the newsletter to make your reservations.

LOCATION

IBM Tampa Services Center
4th Floor, LakePointe One Building
3109 West Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Tampa

For directions, contact IBM at Tel: 813/872-2277 or Brad Brown at 813/872-2156

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MAIN MEETING *(continued from page 1)*

through regulatory and other programs. The District has about 700 personal computers running different operating systems including, OS/2, DOS, DOS with Windows, and MacIntosh.

In early 1995, the District was facing a major problem with computer viruses. As fast as support personnel could respond to a service office, erradicate a virus and help the user recover, another user would call with a similar problem. In addition, the same users would often re-infect themselves. To deal with the problem, the District initiated a major program to test several anti-virus software programs and find a way to stop and prevent the virus problems it was experiencing.

Mr. Sternes will discuss the District's experiences with computer viruses, the solutions developed, how the anti-virus program was developed and on-going efforts to stop and prevent computer virus problems.

John Starnes has been the Director of Information Resources for SWFWMD since 1989. He has more than 18 years of experience in data processing management positions ranging from functional systems analyst to MIS principal and in operating environments ranging from NCR 500 to IBM 3090.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership Renewal notices for TBOUG's 1996 operating year were mailed to all members on November 16th (individual members and the delegates for corporate members). Renewals are due on or before the January 10th TBOUG meeting. If you have any questions or have not received your notice, please do not hesitate to contact me. ***ALSO***, when registering at the door, please indicate if you would like a "standing" reservation for each meeting.

- Tim Bryce

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Perry K. Moon - Philips Medical Systems N.A. - Lutz

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PROS/2 is the official newsletter of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group (TBOUG), a non-profit, vendor-independent users' group dedicated to the effective use of IBM's OS/2 operating system. Letters and manuscripts are welcomed and reviewed for possible publication. Please supply narrative in ASCII text format.

Any OS/2 licensee within the Tampa Bay area of Florida is eligible to become a member of TBOUG. Annual Corporate membership is $200; individual membership is $20; membership fees are prorated on a quarterly basis. TBOUG was founded in December 1993 and is a member of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The end of the year is approaching and a new year, full of exciting possibilities will soon begin. TBOUG ended 1995 with a bang. Our December meeting, featuring Paul Giangarra was very well attended, and a generally positive article appeared in the St. Petersburg Times business section. Paul is the chief designer of Merlin, the next version of OS/2 Warp which is expected to be released in the middle of 1996. Paul demonstrated some remarkable technology, some of which might be integrated into Merlin. This included a fix for the one input queue problem and voice navigation/dictation. The meeting was very well attended, and we received positive feedback. People came from as far away as the east coast to hear Paul, and we signed some new members as well.

Well, 1996 is just about here, and your new executive board is working to make TBOUG more useful to it's members. We plan on more informative committee meetings and guest lecturers. Of course, in order to continually improve TBOUG, we must have members. Yes, it's that timeof year again. For those of you who have already sent in your 1996 dues, thank you. For those of you who haven't gotten to it as yet, please take care of it as soon a you can. Dues are payable in two levels:

Individual = $20.00 (entitles you to full membership benefits and 1/10 vote)
Corporate = $200.00 (entitles you to full membership benefits and 1 vote)

Now is the time to get other OS/2 users to join TBOUG. Explain the benefits and bring them to a meeting.

Our standing reservation program was successful this past year, and we will be continuing it in 1996. This program allows members who attend the majority of the monthly meetings to be automatically signed up for the dinner. You pay the lower dinner rate ($13.00) when you attend the meeting. If you can't attend, you let use know in advance. This makes it easier for us to estimate the number of meals needed and makes sure that you have a meal waiting. All members interested in a standing reservation should contact Fritz Foster. If you already have a standing reservation, it is necessary that you let us know that you wish to continue.

Finally, I want to personally wish all of you very happy and prosperous holidays. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year (I hope I didn't leave anyone out)!

- Dr. Scott M. Baker

ELECTION OF TBOUG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The election for the TBOUG Board of Directors was held at our year-end meeting on December 6th at the Airport Hilton in Tampa. According to our bylaws, a maximum of nine (9) people can serve on the Board, including a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The following people were elected to the 1996 program/operating year:

- President - Dr. Scott M. Baker
- Vice President - John C. Tardy, CCP - South West Florida Water Management District
- Treasurer - Albert F. (Fritz) Foster - Crystal Investment Enterprises, Inc.
- Secretary - Bruce W. Albritton - South West Florida Water Management District
- PROS/2 Newsletter Editor Tim Bryce - M. Bryce & Associates, Inc.
- Chairman, End User Eductation Committee John D. Markman - Protel
- Chairman, Support Committee Brian A. Lowe - Technically Speaking
- Chairman, Production Committee Paul Wylie - M. Bryce & Associates, Inc.

NOTE: As per the TBOUG bylaws, the current President, **Dave Hancock**, automatically serves on the new Board as Past-President. The IBM Vendor Liaison is a non-voting member of the Board and is appointed by IBM; **Brad Brown** will continue to serve in this capacity.

Congratulations to the new Board!

- Tim Bryce
Past-President (1995)

IN THE ON-LINE VERSION OF PROS/2

- OS/2 Here & There - OS/2 related articles and news.
- TBOUG board of directors reports.
- Graphic of the month.

Versions include: ASCII text (.TXT) and INF suitable for use with the standard OS/2 "VIEW" utility. Simply type: **VIEW PROS0196.INF**

The electronic version of PROS/2 is available on the TBOUG and MBA BBS', other OS/2 related bulletin boards, America Online, CompuServe, and on the Internet at: ftp://hobbes.nmsu.edu (/incoming) or (/os2/newsltr), and ftp://ftp-os2.cdrom.com (/pub/os2/incoming) or (/pub/os2/newsltr).

REVIEW OF DECEMBER 6TH MEETING WITH PAUL GIANGARRA

Paul Giangarra, Senior Technical Staff Member for Operating Systems Architecture in IBM's Personal Software Products Division, gave a very entertaining and informative presentation on OS/2 to the December 6th meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group (TBOUG).

Paul was the Chief Designer for OS/2, OS/2 1.2, 1.3, and 2.0 and was recently named the Lead Designer for the next release of OS/2 (code-named "Merlin"). During his presentation Paul strongly emphasized IBM's on-going commitment to OS/2 and demonstrated beta code versions of some of the planned enhancements. He stated that he believed the move of the OS/2 development team from Boca Raton to Austin would be good for the future of the OS/2 product.

A major aim of the next release (Merlin) is to improve the user friendliness of the WorkPlace Shell. Paul demonstrated the use of Bubble Help with the LaunchPad as an example of one of the steps being taken. Other features demonstrated included:

- Code which bypasses the problem of a rogue PM application locking the I/O Queue. This is expected to be released shortly as part of a fix-pak.
- Support for infra-red connections for printers and other devices.
- The use of discrete Voice Type Dictation to control the operating system and execute applications. The integration of the dictation with the Word Processing application was particularly impressive.

Paul also demonstrated an OS/2 freeware product from Japan called NPS WPS Enhancer which provides improved usability and customization of the OS/2 WorkPlace Shell.

An audience of over 70 people listened attentively for over 90 minutes and many stayed around for informal discussion with Paul at the conclusion of his presentation.

Paul was gracious to give TBOUG a copy of the NPS WPS Enhancer along with the bitmap used on his desktop. Both are available to TBOUG members on the TBOUG BBS.

- Paul Wylie
TBOUG Vice President (1995)

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

As required by the bylaws of the Association (Article IV, Section E-5), the Treasurer must "arrange for an annual audit of the financial accounts of the Association. An Audit Committee consisting of at least three (3) members of the Association will be appointed by the President. Said committee will review their findings with the Executive Board for approval." The committee's report:

December 5, 1995

Members and Officers
Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group:

We have reviewed the bank statements, check register and monthly Treasurer reports for the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group as of 11/30/95. The purpose of our review was to provide a statement of opinion on these documents and the general financial conditions and controls reflected there in.

We conducted our review in accordance with generally accepted financial auditing standards to obtain reasonable assurance that these statements are free of material misstatement. While these documents are of limited detail, we believe they provided an adequate basis for our review.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group as of 11/30/95, in conformity with general accepted accounting principles.

Additionally, this committee suggests the following to facilitate future audits:

1. A sequentially numbered receipt system.
2. Semi-annual audits.
3. Two signatures required on all checks.

Respectively submitted by:

Melvin Glass
Steven J. Greenfield
John K. Lucas

The TBOUG Board of Directors thanks the committee for their time and effort.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 10 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

February 7 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

March 6 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

April 3 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

April 22-26 - IBM Technical Interchange, Nashville, TN; Tel: 800-872-7109 or 508-443-4990

May 1 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

May 30-31 - DPMA Region 7 Conference; Tampa, FL; Tel: 813/572-2601

June 3-6 - COMDEX; Chicago, IL; Tel: 617/449-6600

June 9-13 - GUIDE Spring '96; Washington, DC; Tel: 312-245-1599

July 10 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

August 7 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

September 11 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

October 2 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

October 13-18 - ColoradOS/2 Conference; Keystone, Colorado; Tel: 800/481-3389 or 719/481-3389; E-Mail: wkovsky@colos2.com; CompuServe: 76711,1221; WWW: http://www.colos2.com

November 6 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

November 17-21 - GUIDE Fall '95; San Antonio, TX; Tel: 312-245-1599

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November 18-22 - COMDEX/Fall; Las Vegas, NV; Tel: 617/449-6600

December 4 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

January 8, 1997 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

ALSO LOOK FOR TBOUG MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, AMERICA ONLINE, IBM LINK, COMPUSERVE, AND THE TBOUG BBS.

NEW ON THE TBOUG BBS: 562-2249

CON0196.ZIP - OS/2 CONNECT Newsletter for January 1996 in INF format suitable for use with the standard OS/2 "View" utility (VIEW.EXE). Newsletter includes the names, numbers, and addresses (including Internet and BBS') of key OS/2 contacts in the industry, along with news and a calendar of events.

FRONT.ZIP - Paul Giangarra's bitmap as seen at the December 6th TBOUG meeting. Originally from the European version of the IBM OS/2 Family FunPak.

MEMS1212.ZIP - TBOUG membership log as of December 12, 1995

NPSWP181.ZIP - (v1.81) NPS WPS Enhancer - This program allows you to use more than 20 functions which enhance you OS/2, such as nice window animations, window shadows, "close" buttons, automatic mouse movement, and more! Easy to install and uninstall. For OS/2 2.1 or higher. This program is totally free. Shinji 'N.P.S.' Takasugi Team OS/2 Japan email: nps1970@ibm.net

NPSWA01.ZIP - Animation DLL'S for NPS WPS Enhancer.

Plus many other freeware and shareware products.

THANKS TO ALL OF THE TBOUG MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS!

<u>MEETING REGISTRATION - JANUARY 10TH MEETING</u>

Please make reservations for the following individuals to attend the January 10th meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group. ***Please make reservations no later than <u>January 5th!</u>***

Person	Title	Telephone
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Company ____

Address ____

City ______________________ State ______ Zip ______________

Fax: ______________________ E-mail: ______________________

Either Phone, Fax, or Mail your registration to:
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Crystal Investment Enterprises
P.O. Box 47444
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-7444
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813/384-3900 (voice)

Please indicate the committee meeting you plan to attend:

_____ End User Education
_____ Production
_____ OS/2 Support
Subjects to be discussed at OS/2 Support:
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Check here if you will not have dinner _____

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